

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed is a recording apparatus that suppresses loss of video at playback with regard to both an encoded video signal that is transmitted and

5 an encoded video signal that is recorded even in a case where recording has been commanded with regard to a video signal during the transmission of this video signal encoded using both intraframe encoding and interframe encoding. An encoder generates an encoded

10 image signal comprising a plurality of picture groups each comprising n (where n represents an integer equal to or greater than 2) frames of an image signal including intraframe-encoded pictures obtained by intraframe encoding and interframe-encoded pictures

15 obtained by interframe encoding. If a command to record the encoded image signal is issued while an output is being produced by a communication unit, recording is started from the leading end of a picture group that includes a frame corresponding to the

20 record command or from the next picture group. If the record command is issued in the middle of a picture group, use is made of a past encoded image signal that has been stored in a buffer.